Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes. No arrangement has been made for providing or reserving a tank for the use of cattle. The matter is being considered.

Road from the southern portion of the South Bazaar Road at Kunnamkulam.

156. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is not necessary to have a lane or road (on the west side) running almost parallel to the southern portion of the South Bazaar road beginning from the Y. W. C. A. compound for affording an easy way of escape for women and children when fire breaks out in the bazaar;

(b) the number of times fire broke in South Bazaar in the course of the last 9 months;

(c) whether the Government has not received complaints regarding frequent out-breaks of fire in Kunnamkulam, and whether it is not therefore necessary to take all possible precautions to safe guard human beings from being burnt to death ;

(d) whether the proposed road or lane will not be useful for removing night soil without making use of the main bazaar road;

(e) whether the Government is not aware of the fact that roads or lanes have been improved and opened on either side of all the main bazaar roads in the town, except in the case of the southern portion of the South Bazaar road, and that the extension of roads or lanes to this portion of the bazaar also, as in other parts, will be very useful;

(f) whether the opening of this road or lane which is necessary for the safety of the lives of women and children will receive the earliest attention of the Government, and whether the small sum which will be enough for this purpose will not be provided in the budget for the following year?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes.

(b) Twice.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) The improvements referred to are being made part by part. They will be useful.

(f) The question of providing for the work will be considered next year in distributing the allotment available.

Lighting charges for the Kunnamkulam Town.

157. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

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(1) the amount spent annually in the last three years for lighting in Kunnamkulam Town;

(2) the name of the officer who is to inspect and report that lighting is satisfactorily done;

(3) whether any lamps have been lost in the last six months;

(4) whether there are any lamp posts now without lamps, and if so, how many;

(5) what is the total number of lamp posts, and whether the number of lamp posts has been increased in the last two years, and if so, how many?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.— (1) Amount spent under the head in

1098....Rs. 399-9-9
1099....Rs. 472-3-6
1100....Rs. 687-3-6

(2) The Health Officer, Kunnamkulam, assisted by the Sanitary Maistry.

(3) One burner with chimney was stolen lately. The matter is now under Police investigation.

(4) There are now two lamp posts without lights which will be placed when the consignment of lamps, etc., already ordered for, arrives.

(5) The total number of lights is 54, and no increase was made in the number of lights during the last two years. There is a proposal to increase the number of lights this year.

The purchase of Ayurvedic medicines for the Allopathic Hospitals.

158. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer has, as observed by him in a previous session, purchased any Ayurvedic medicines for the use of patients in Allopathic Hospitals, and if so, the exact amount he has used therefor?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The answer is in the negative.

Meetings of the Depressed Classes Development Society.

159. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of times the Depressed Classes Development Society has met in the course of the year 1925 for discussing matters connected with the Chalakkudi Pulaya Colony and when and where such meetings were held?

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